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Title: The Minister of Panchayati Raj, Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Minister of Development of North Eastern Region laid a statement regarding the status of implementation of recommendations in 30th Report of Standing Committee on Rural Development on Demands for Grants (2007-08), pertaining to the Ministry of Pachayati Raj.

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THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): I beg to lay a Statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Thirtieth Report (14th Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on the Rural Development in pursuance of the direction 73 A of the Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha vide Lok Sabha Bulletin-Part-II dated September 1,2004.

The Thirtieth Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 14.5.2007. The report relates to examination of Demands for Grants of Ministry of Panchayati Raj for the year 2007-2008.

Action taken statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the report of the Committee had been sent to the Standing Committee on Rural Development in November, 2007.

There are 27 recommendations made by the Committee in the said report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertained to allocation and utilization during 10th and 11th Plans, Panchayati Raj and National Common Minimum Programme(NCMP), Training of elected representatives and officials of PRIs, Devolution of funds, functions and functionaries, Role of the Ministry in the Centrally Sponsored Schemes,

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constitution of DPCs, Strategy for the Eleventh Plan and allocation to Panchayats by Twelfth Finance Commission. Further, the scheme-wise analysis of Backward Regions Grant Fund, Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Yojana, Panchayat Empowerment Incentive Scheme etc.

The present status of implementation of the various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my Statement which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents of this Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.[MSOffice3]